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USE OF ORGANIC FERTILISERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only one percent of the farmers received any kind of support for production and use of organicfertilizers in the country; and

(b) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): As per latest Input Survey 2006-07, percentage of operational holding using Farm Yard Manure in the country is 40.84. Government is assisting farmers for setting up of organic manure/ fertilizer production facilities under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM).

(b): Assistance is provided for setting up of vermi-compost units @ 50% of the cost subject to a maximum of Rs.30,000/- per beneficiary and funds are also provided @ 50% of the cost subject to maximum of Rs.10,000/- per hectare for a maximum area of 4 hectare per beneficiary for adoption of organic farming. Similar norms of assistance are applicable for assistance given under RKVY.